

## Development of the Arabic Book Collection at "Isha L'Isha"

"Isha L'Isha Organization - Haifa Feminist Institute (HFI) "

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"Isha L'Isha Organization - HFI", founded in 1983, is the oldest organization in Israel and one of the leading voices in the struggle for women's rights. In addition, it is defined as a community of women voluntarily working from a desire to foster understanding and partnership among women in Israel - regardless of their religion, nationality, sexual preference or economic status.

The organization's library is a feminist research library, which was founded in Haifa in the 1970s with the beginning of the feminist activity in the city and in the country. It includes a collection of books on women from all walks of life; hundreds of titles in Hebrew and English and a few in Arabic. In addition, there is a collection of theses and dissertations written by feminist researchers. The collection is organized in a computerized catalog located in the library room.

the project's purpose was derived from the desire and library's vision to expand the collection of books on topics related to Arab women, feminists and Palestinians in the Middle East and around the world.

Procedure: first, I had to learn about the organization and the library, to identify their needs and to evaluate the existing book collection. Secondly, the planning of the collection development processes entailed several stages: checking the books; dilution of the existing collection; cataloging; sorting, and purchasing transactions with suppliers. The final result: Additional books added to the existing collection. Also, in order to create uniformity in the catalog of the Arabic collection, I edited a digital and physical guide for cataloging books, for the future use of the library staff.

Contribution to the student, the organization and to KM: The project emphasizes the importance of collection development according to the organization needs. It expanded the existing collection in Arabic and established contacts with Arabic book suppliers.

Conclusions and recommendations: To create and establish agreements between them and book suppliers in order to update new books concerned with women. Thus, they will have a point from which to expand and diversify the Arabic collection in the future.